

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Frank Medley upon  
thirty-four years of meritorious service to  
education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have contributed significantly to the development of this state's most precious resource - our children; and

WHEREAS, as the 1994-95 school year comes to a close, Upperman High School in Baxter will be losing the valuable services of the "big guy" in charge as Principal Frank Medley is retiring after thirty-four years of exemplary service, with nine of those years spent productively as principal of Upperman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Medley served his country with honor and pride as a member of the United States Air Force after graduating from high school; his military career entailed travel to Japan, Korea, Okinawa, China, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, upon completing his military service, Mr. Medley returned home to Baxter and wasted no time in beginning work on his college degree in preparation for a teaching career; he worked his way through college, earning a bachelor of science degree in health, physical education and drivers' education from Tennessee Technological University in 1960; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1961, Mr. Medley began his long and illustrious career in education at Jere Whitson Elementary School where he taught eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1962, Mr. Medley's teaching career took a new direction when he came to Upperman High School as a football and basketball coach, teaching health and physical education; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional gentleman would, during the course of his distinguished career at Upperman, earn his master's degree in administration and supervision while serving as a teacher and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Coach Medley served with acumen, industry and dedication as Upperman's head basketball coach for sixteen successful years; and

WHEREAS, disdaining the distractions of outside influences, Coach Medley kept his teams focused resolutely upon family, grades and basketball; one of his teams was composed entirely of National Honor Society members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Medley assumed the essential duties of assistant principal in 1973 and, in 1986, he achieved a lifelong goal when he assumed the mantle of leadership and guidance as the principal of Upperman High School; and

WHEREAS, during his years of exemplary service, Mr. Medley has steadily piloted the school down the road of progress, and he has raised the quality of education considerably during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, his fondest career memories are the love and association he has shared with his students over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Medley's sterling advice to his students is: "You should always be up-front, honest, respectful and truthful in every situation you encounter"; and

WHEREAS, as a means of promoting literacy and reading in the community, Upperman High School is presently developing a special paperback library for use by all the citizens in the county; and

WHEREAS, not only has Mr. Medley approved the use of the former conference room in the library to house this paperback collection, he has also generously donated his personal funds to the program for the purchase of books; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore most appropriate that this reading room should be named by the faculty in honor of Frank Medley as a lasting reminder of his numerous contributions for the betterment of the school; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his prominent career in education, Mr. Medley is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife of over thirty years, Jo, their two fine sons, Gary and Roger, and three precious grandchildren, Jonathan, Kristen and Cynthia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Frank Medley upon thirty-four years of meritorious service to education, praise his proficient tenure as principal of Upperman High School, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and productive retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.